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HERE COMES...

DAREDEVIL



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THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!

BE PREPARED FOR THE ULTIMATE IN
SHEER VILLAINY AND SUSPENSE WHEN
THE LONE DAREDEVIL BATTLES
**THE FELLOWSHIP
OF FEAR!**

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THOSE OF YOU
WHO FELT WE
COULD NEVER TOP
OUR LAST ISH...
WAIT'LL YOU FEAST
YOUR EYES ON
THIS ONE!!

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ANOTHER
SPECTACULAR
SMASH HIT
FROM THE
HOUSE OF IDEAS!



THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR
LEARNS FOR THE FIRST TIME
WHAT IT MEANS TO BE
TRULY AFRAID WHEN HE IS

"TRAPPED BY..."

THE FELLOWSHIP OF FEAR!

REMEMBER "THE PURPLE MAN"
IN D.D. #4? WELL, WE HAVE A
HUNCH THAT THIS MONTH'S
VILLAIN WILL REMIND YOU OF
HIM IN SOME WAYS, BUT,
THOUGH THEIR METHODS MAY
BE SOMEWHAT SIMILAR, YOU'LL
FIND THAT OUR "MR. FEAR"
IS FAR, FAR DIFFERENT
THAN YOU FIRST SUSPECT!

THE VERY
NEWEST AND
POSSIBLY THE
GREATEST SAGA IN
THE EARLY CAREER
OF MARVEL'S SENSATION-
AL BLIND SWASHBUCKLER!

SEE DAREDEVIL FIGHT
ONE OF THE STRANGEST
TRIO OF VILLAINS
EVER ASSEMBLED!

WRITTEN WITH THE
FABULOUSLY FLAW-
LESS FANTASY OF...

Stan Lee

ILLUSTRATED IN THE
MAGNIFICENTLY MODERN
MANNER OF...

Wally Wood

LETTERED IN THE SCREAM-
INGLY SOPHISTICATED
STYLE OF...

Sam Rosen

LIKE A
BROODING
WINGLESS
EAGLE, THE
DAZZLING
DAREDEVIL
STALKS THE CITY'S
ROOFTOPS, EVER
ALERT, EVER
VIGILANT, HIS
SUPER-SHARP
SENSES PROBING
THE NIGHT, SEARCHING
FOR ADVENTURE!

BUT, TONIGHT ALL SEEMS PEACEFUL! ONLY THE SOUNDS OF A MOVIE-MAKING CREW, SHOOTING A FILM ON LOCATION IN THE STREET, BREAK THE PLACID SILENCE...

VOICES CALLING CAMERA DIRECTIONS! I HEAR THE WORDS FADE OUT... PAN ACROSS... DOLLY FORWARD! OBVIOUSLY A MOVIE IS BEING FILMED BELOW ME!

AND YET, WHY DO I HEAR NO SCRIPT GIRL'S VOICE? NO SOUND OF POLICE, HOLDING BACK THE CROWD? SOMETHING ABOUT THE SCENE BELOW DOES NOT RING TRUE TO ME!



NOW FOR THE BIG SCENE! WE'RE ALL READY TO ROLL!

EXCELLENT! IF I DIDN'T KNOW BETTER, I'D THINK YOU WERE THE GENUINE CRIMINALS YOU'RE PORTRAYING... THE OX AND THE EEL! OKAY... ROLL 'EM! LET'S MAKE THIS ROBBERY LOOK GOOD!

SKRAK!



THOSE ARE REAL IRON BARS! HOW CAN HE RIP 'EM OUT SO EASY?

AND, THREE STORIES ABOVE, DAREDEVIL'S SUSPICIONS TURN INTO CERTAINTIES!

NO NORMAL ACTOR COULD PULL IRON BARS FROM A LOCKED STORE DOOR SO EFFORTLESSLY! THAT IS NO ORDINARY FILM SCENE!



SECONDS LATER, INSIDE THE STORE, AS THE CAMERAS BEGIN TO GRIND...

WHAT A FOOLPROOF SCHEME! THE CAMERA CREW AND DIRECTOR WE HIRED SUSPECT NOTHING... AND NO ONE WOULD THINK OF INTERFERING!



FINALLY...

IT WORKED! LIKE THE BOSS SAID IT WOULD! NOW LET'S PAY OFF THOSE DUMB CAMERA-MEN AND LAM OUTTA HERE!

I WAS RIGHT! THEY DON'T REALIZE THEIR SOFTEST WHISPER IS LIKE A SHOUT TO ME!



OKAY, BILLY CLUB... WE'VE GOT OURSELVES A LITTLE JOB TO DO!

IF THERE ISN'T A LAMPPOST ON THIS CORNER, I'M GONNA BE A MIGHTY SORRY DAREDEVIL! BUT A FELLA HAS TO TAKE SOME CHANCES!



AHH! THERE IT IS... AND HERE I GO!

HEAVY FOOTSTEPS, DIRECTLY BELOW... STARTING TO LEAVE! I'M JUST IN TIME!

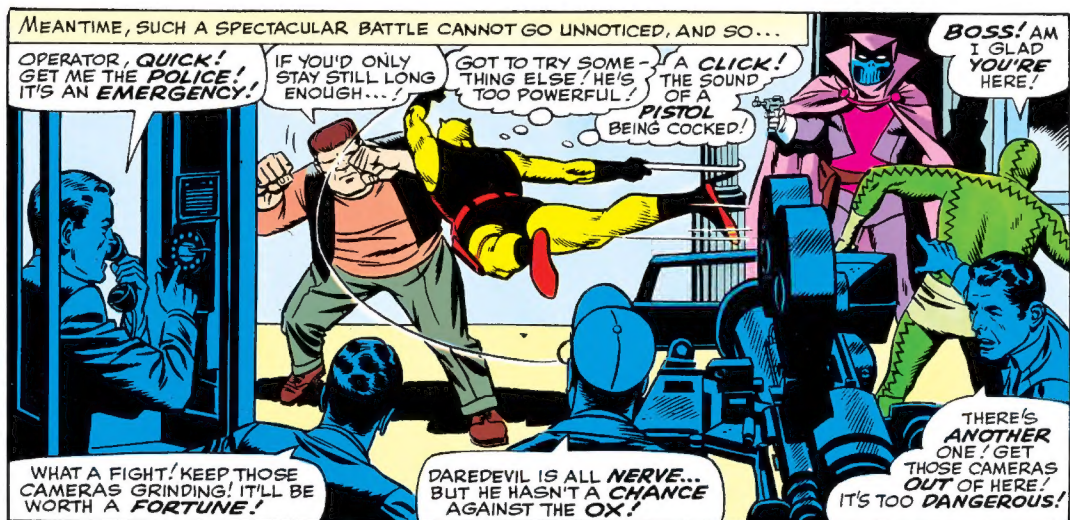
HOLD IT, BOYS! HOW ABOUT AN AUTOGRAPH FOR A MOVIE FAN?

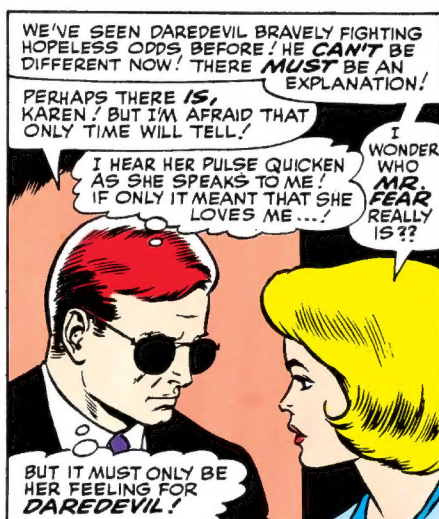
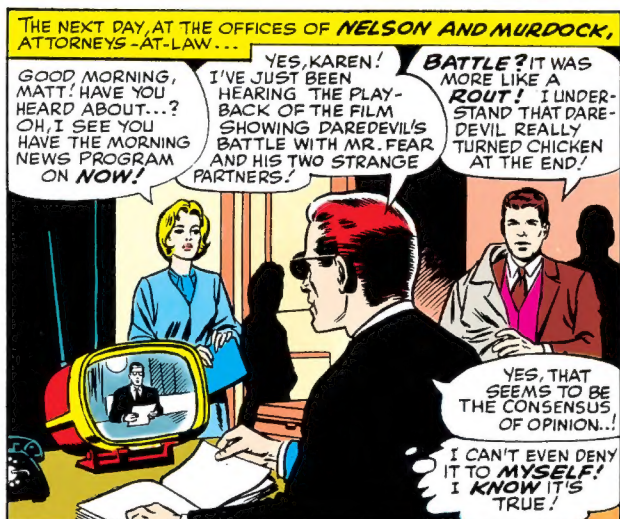
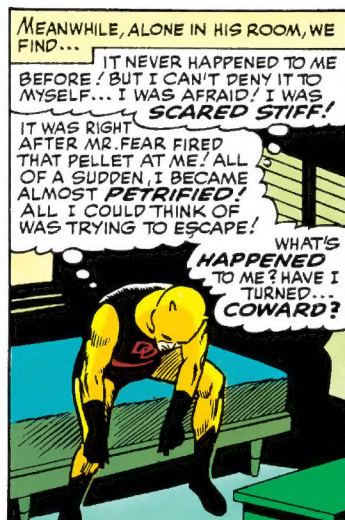
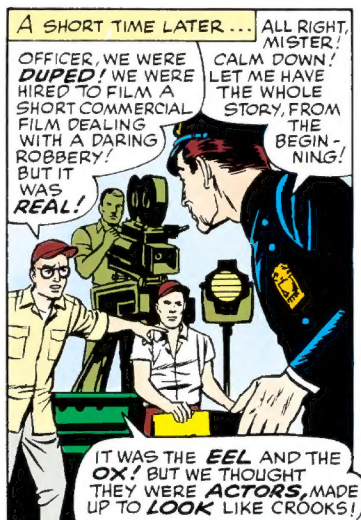


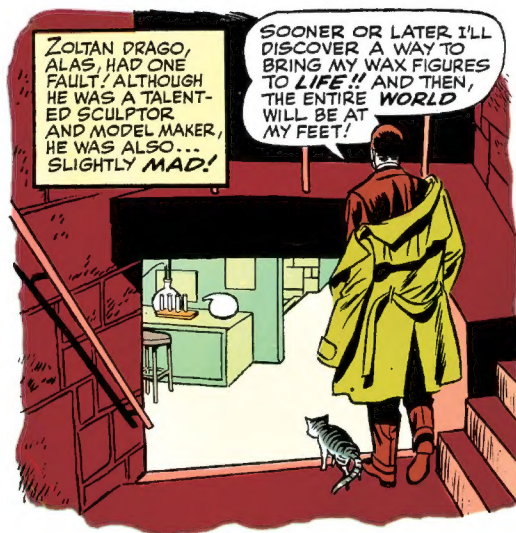
DAREDEVIL!!

WHERE'D HE COME FROM?

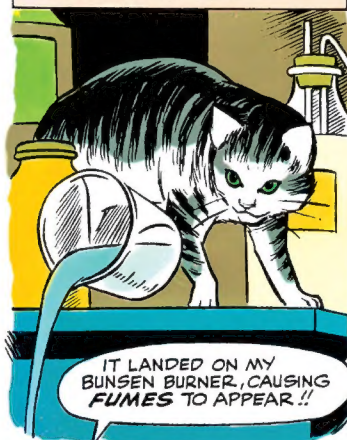








THE OBEDIENT FELINE OBEYS ITS MASTER'S COMMAND, BUT, IN SO DOING, SPILLS A SMALL JAR FROM THE SHELF ABOVE...



UNABLE TO HELP HIMSELF, ZOLTAN DRAGO **INHALES** THE STRANGE FUMES AND SUDDENLY... AN UNEXPECTED REACTION SETS IN, AS DREAD, NAMELESS **FEAR** FILLS HIS HEART!!



FOR LONG WEEKS, THE STRANGE, HAUNTED MAN WORKED, REFINING HIS DISCOVERY, LEARNING ALL HE COULD ABOUT THE CHEMICALS INVOLVED...



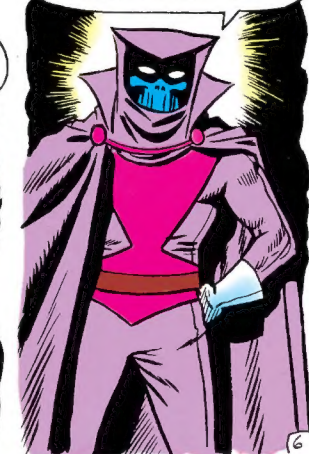
THEN, SOME DAYS LATER...



AND NOW, FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL PURPOSES, I'LL CREATE A **COSTUME**... THE PERFECT DISGUISE FOR ONE WHO SHALL HENCEFORTH BE KNOWN AS...



AND NOW, BEFORE I BEGIN, THERE IS ONE LAST DETAIL I MUST ATTEND TO....



EVERY MASTER CRIMINAL NEEDS SOME WILLING HELPERS! LET ME SEE...WHOM SHALL I CHOOSE?

DIABLO?? KRAVEN?? DOCTOR DOOM?? ZEMO? NO! THEY ARE ALL TOO POWERFUL, OR TOO CLEVER! SOONER OR LATER THEY MIGHT FIND THE WAY TO GAIN MASTERY OVER ME!

BUT, THEN, FINALLY... THE OX! UNBELIEVABLY POWERFUL, BUT TOO DULL-WITTED TO CHALLENGE MY LEADERSHIP!

AND THE EEL, SLIPPERY, CLEVER, AND CUNNING...BUT NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO DEFEY ME, THEY SHALL BE THE ONES FOR ME!



LATER, A STRANGE, FRIGHTENING FIGURE BEGAN TO MAKE THE ROUNDS OF THE CITY'S UNDER-WORLD HAUNTS...

I..I'LL TELL YA ANYTHING I KNOW! JUST DON'T HURT ME!



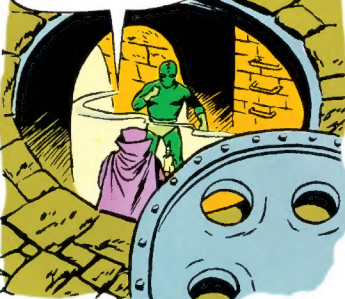
AND SO... EEL! COME UP HERE! MR. FEAR WANTS YOU!!



THEN, AFTER ONE SMALL GAS PELLET HAS BEEN FIRED...

SURE, I'LL WORK FOR YOU! I'LL DO WHATEVER YOU SAY! AS LONG AS I DON'T GET HURT!

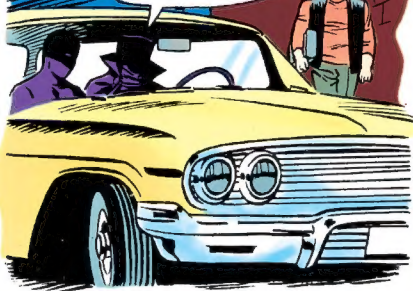
OF COURSE! AND NOW, WE MUST FIND THE OX! I HEARD THAT HE IS NOW UP FOR PAROLE!



*REFER TO STRANGE TALES #117... STAN.

LEARNING OF THE EXACT DATE OF THE OX'S PAROLE, IT WAS A SIMPLE MATTER FOR MR. FEAR AND THE EEL TO BE WAITING OUTSIDE THE PRISON GATES...

HOW DO YOU KNOW HE'LL AGREE TO WORK FOR YOU, BOSS? BECAUSE NO ONE CAN RESIST MR. FEAR... NOT WHEN I USE MY LITTLE GAS PELLETS TO URGE THEM!

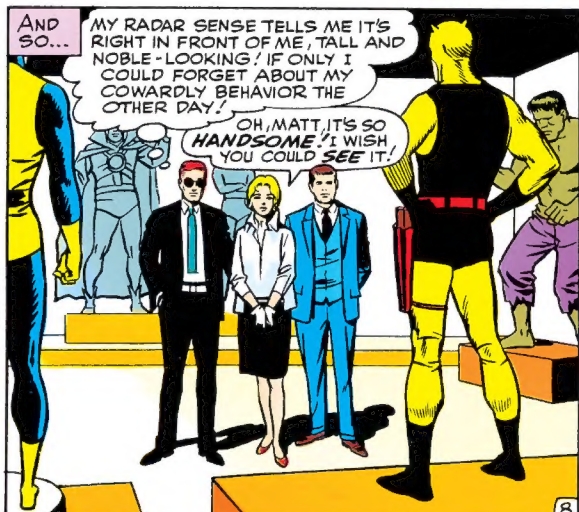
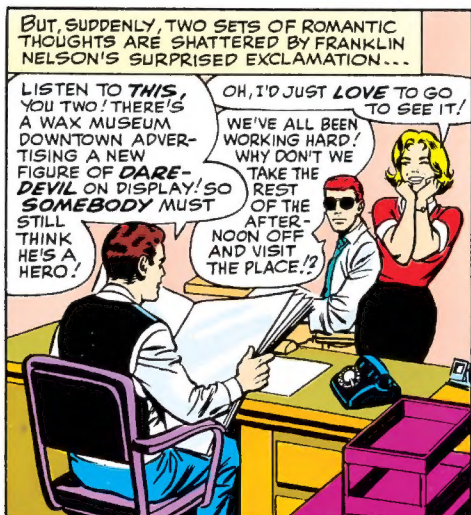
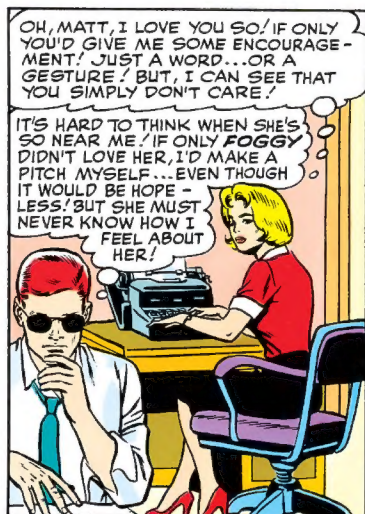
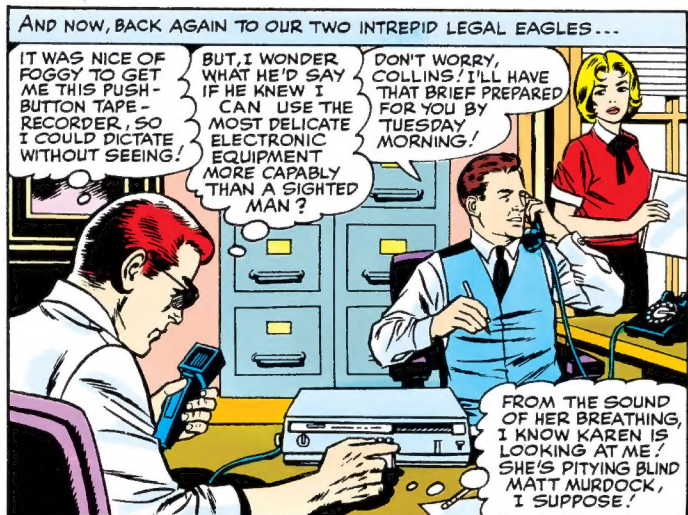


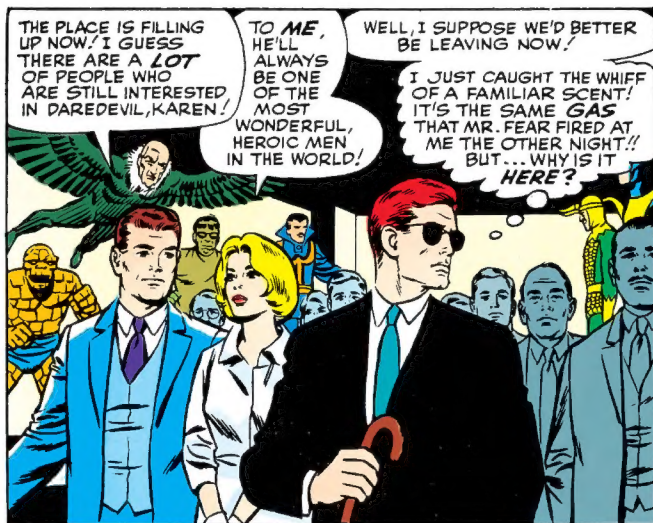
AND SO, WITHOUT FURTHER ADO, WE RETURN TO THE PERILOUS PRESENT...

IT'S A GOOD THING YOU USED YOUR FEAR GUN ON DAREDEVIL, BOSS! HE ALMOST GOT THE UPPER HAND OVER ALL OF US! PERHAPS! BUT I SHALL NOT PERMIT HIS CHALLENGE TO GO UNANSWERED! WE MUST SOME DAY FIND HIM, AND DISPOSE OF HIM!



IF SOMEONE'LL HOLD 'IM FOR ME LONG ENOUGH, BOSS, I'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT LITTLE MATTER!





THE PLACE IS FILLING UP NOW! I GUESS THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO ARE STILL INTERESTED IN DAREDEVIL, KAREN!

TO ME, HE'LL ALWAYS BE ONE OF THE MOST WONDERFUL, HEROIC MEN IN THE WORLD!

WELL, I SUPPOSE WE'D BETTER BE LEAVING NOW!

I JUST CAUGHT THE WHIFF OF A FAMILIAR SCENT! IT'S THE SAME GAS THAT MR. FEAR FIRED AT ME THE OTHER NIGHT!! BUT... WHY IS IT HERE?



SHUT THAT DOOR, YOU FOOL!! DO YOU WANT THE ODOR OF MY FEAR GAS TO TRICKLE INTO THE HALL??!

SORRY, BOSS! I WANTED TO SEE IF DAREDEVIL SHOWED UP! BUT THERE AIN'T A SIGN OF 'IM!

HE'LL BE HERE SOONER OR LATER! WE CAN AFFORD TO WAIT!

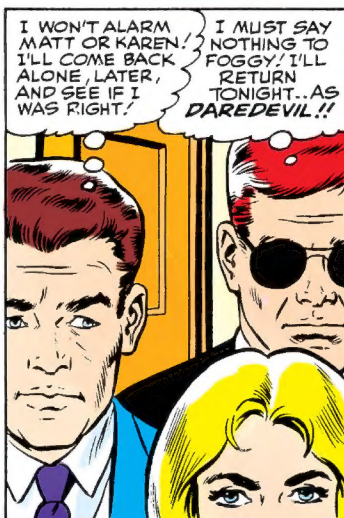


BUT, THEN, AS THE OX IS SHUTTING THE DOOR...

I COULD SWEAR THAT'S THE OX... THE ONE THE POLICE ARE SEEKING!

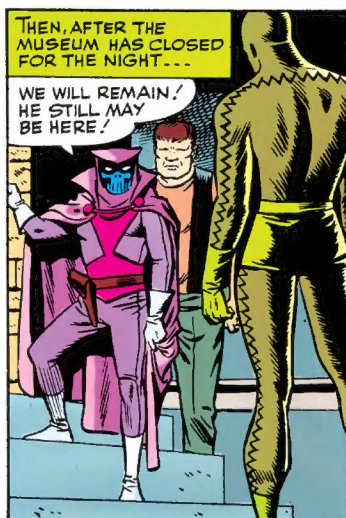
THAT HEAVY BREATHING! THE SCENT OF CHEAP HAIR TONIC! IT'S THE OX!

THAT'S WHY I DETECTED THE GAS ODOR! MR. FEAR MUST BE HERE!



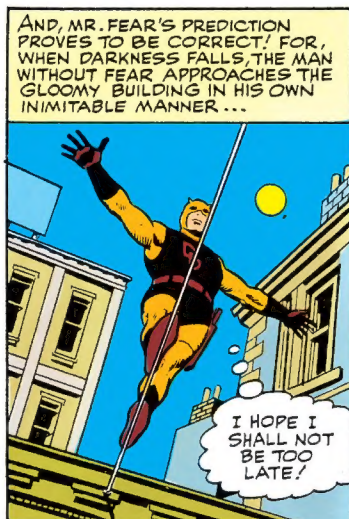
I WON'T ALARM MATT OR KAREN! I'LL COME BACK ALONE, LATER, AND SEE IF I WAS RIGHT!

I MUST SAY NOTHING TO FOGGY! I'LL RETURN TONIGHT... AS DAREDEVIL!!



THEN, AFTER THE MUSEUM HAS CLOSED FOR THE NIGHT...

WE WILL REMAIN! HE STILL MAY BE HERE!



AND, MR. FEAR'S PREDICTION PROVES TO BE CORRECT! FOR, WHEN DARKNESS FALLS, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR APPROACHES THE GLOOMY BUILDING IN HIS OWN INIMITABLE MANNER...

I HOPE I SHALL NOT BE TOO LATE!



I'VE GOT TO LEARN THE SECRET OF HIS GAS PELLET... AND I MUST SOMEHOW PROVE TO MYSELF THAT I HAVEN'T REALLY TURNED COWARD!



THE MUSEUM IS DIRECTLY AHEAD, AND THE SOUND OF THE SOFTLY MOVING AIR CURRENTS TELLS ME THAT I'M APPROACHING AN OPEN WINDOW!



STRANGE! ALTHOUGH I HEAR BREATHING, I CAN DETECT NO MOTION! PERHAPS THOSE WITHIN ARE ASLEEP!



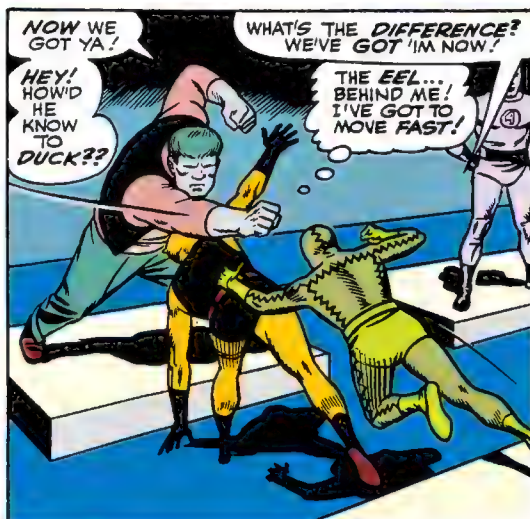
NO! THAT ISN'T THE ANSWER! THE BREATHING IS TOO HIGH... IT COMES FROM TWO NEARBY STANDING FIGURES!

THE HAIR TONIC AGAIN! THE PULSE RATES! IT'S OX... AND THE EEL!



OF COURSE! IT'S OBVIOUS! THINKING I CAN SEE, THEY'RE TRYING TO FOOL ME INTO BELIEVING THEY'RE MERELY WAX DUMMIES!!

NOW THAT I'VE PASSED THEM, THEY'RE STIRRING.. FACING ME... ABOUT TO ATTACK!



NOW WE GOT YA!

HEY! HOW'D HE KNOW TO DUCK??

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE? WE'VE GOT 'IM NOW!

THE EEL... BEHIND ME! I'VE GOT TO MOVE FAST!



SO FAR, SO GOOD!! BUT WHERE'S MR. FEAR??

WHUP!

UNHHH!!



MEANTIME, NOT SUSPECTING WHAT IS TRANSPIRING INSIDE, FOGGY NELSON SOFTLY MOUNTS THE STEPS OUT FRONT...

I WOULDN'T WANT TO CALL THE POLICE UNTIL I'M CERTAIN! I'LL SAY I THINK I LEFT MY HAT HERE, AND TRY TO LOOK AROUND!

I'M IN LUCK! THE DOOR SEEMS TO BE OPEN!



DAREDEVIL!! FIGHTING ALL THREE OF THEM! HE NEEDS HELP!!

NOW I SENSE MR. FEAR! HE JUST ENTERED THE ROOM IN FRONT OF ME!



BUT I HEAR ANOTHER NEW-COMER!! OH, NO!! IT'S FOGGY!!

I HOPED YOU'D BLUNDER INTO MY TRAP, DAREDEVIL!!



THE ONE IN COSTUME... ABOUT TO SHOOT DAREDEVIL! IF ONLY I CAN STOP HIM...

ALL RIGHT, BOYS! HE'S ALL YOURS! NO! I'M TOO LATE!

SOMEONE ELSE ATTACKING ME! WHERE DID HE COME FROM?

HE MUST BE A DETECTIVE! THEY'RE ON TO US!



THAT UNEXPECTED FEELING OF STARK FEAR AGAIN! CAN'T FIGHT IT! IT'S LIKE A DRUG!

IF I CAN SEE WHO THIS CHARACTER IS, MAYBE I'LL BE LUCKY ENOUGH TO GET AWAY SAFELY AND ALERT THE LAW!

RIP!

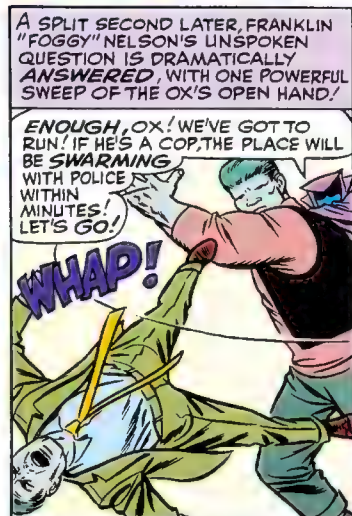
MY MASK! OX, TO MY SIDE... I NEED YOU!



OBEYING HIS SUMMONS WITH THE THOUGHTLESS INSTINCTS OF THE SLOW-WITTED, THE HULKING OX BRUSHES DAREDEVIL ASIDE, AND...

TRY TO ATTACK THE BOSS, WILL YA ?? YOU'RE GONNA BE REAL SORRY, MISTER.

CAN'T ESCAPE! WHAT DO I DO NOW ??



A SPLIT SECOND LATER, FRANKLIN "FOGGY" NELSON'S UNSPOKEN QUESTION IS DRAMATICALLY ANSWERED, WITH ONE POWERFUL SWEEP OF THE OX'S OPEN HAND!

ENOUGH, OX! WE'VE GOT TO RUN! IF HE'S A COP, THE PLACE WILL BE SWARMING WITH POLICE WITHIN MINUTES! LET'S GO!

WHAP!



BUT... I THOUGHT WE WERE GONNA FINISH OFF DAREDEVIL !!!

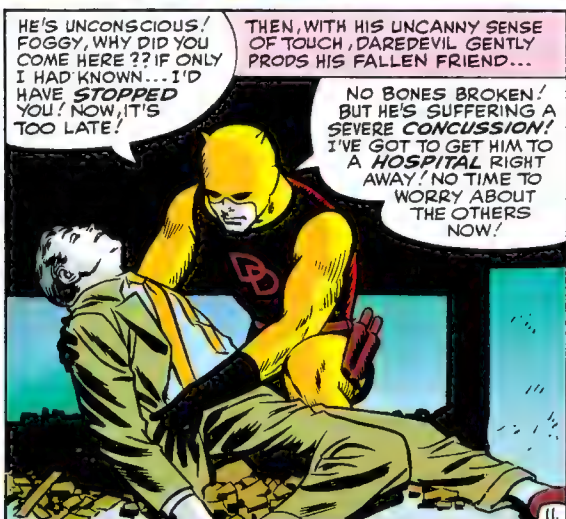
NO TIME FOR THAT NOW! WE CAN'T LET THE COPS GRAB US! DAREDEVIL CAN'T EVER THREATEN US AGAIN! YOU SAW HOW EASILY I CAN STOP HIM! COME ON, FEL... FOLLOW THE OX!



MINUTES LATER, AFTER THE FEAR GAS HAS BEEN DISSIPATED...

THE PANIC HAS LEFT ME AGAIN... BUT MR. FEAR AND THE OTHERS HAVE GONE! WAIT! THAT WEAK, MUFFLED BREATHING! THAT FAINT HEARTBEAT! IT'S FOGGY! HE'S BEEN INJURED!

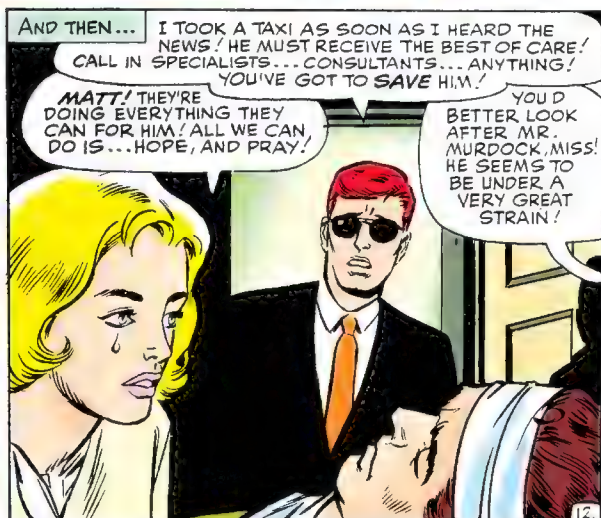
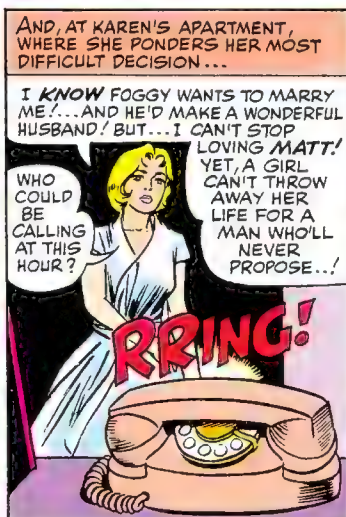
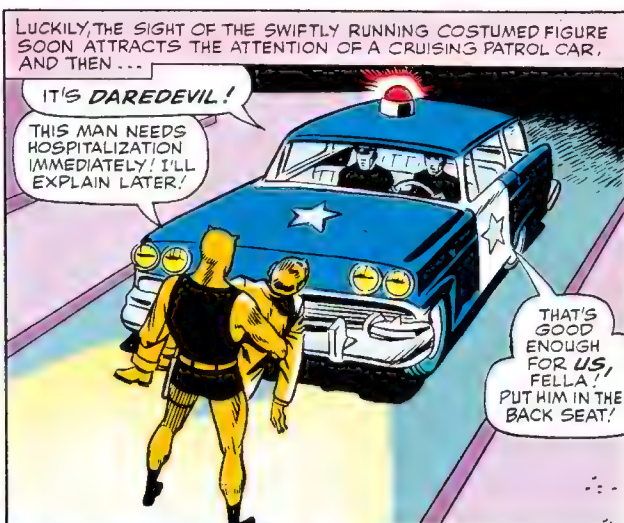
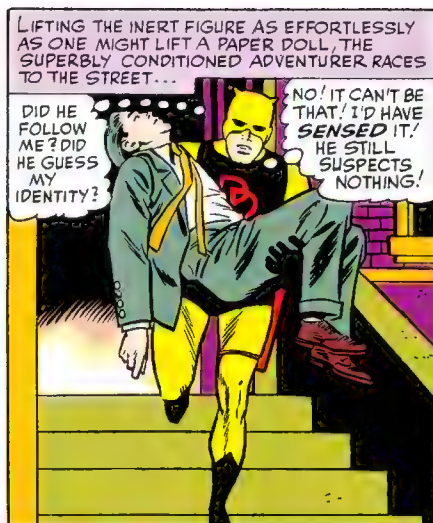
NOW I REMEMBER! HE CAME TO MY AID! BUT... HE'S HURT!



HE'S UNCONSCIOUS! FOGGY, WHY DID YOU COME HERE ?? IF ONLY I HAD KNOWN... I'D HAVE STOPPED YOU! NOW, IT'S TOO LATE!

THEN, WITH HIS UNCANNY SENSE OF TOUCH, DAREDEVIL GENTLY PRODS HIS FALLEN FRIEND...

NO BONES BROKEN! BUT HE'S SUFFERING A SEVERE CONCUSSION! I'VE GOT TO GET HIM TO A HOSPITAL RIGHT AWAY! NO TIME TO WORRY ABOUT THE OTHERS NOW!



BUT, MATT MURDOCK'S "STRAIN" MIGHT BE EVEN GREATER, IF HE COULD SEE THE OCCUPANTS OF A SPEEDING SEDAN, RAPIDLY APPROACHING THE HOSPITAL ...

WE'VE GOT TO SILENCE THAT MEDDLER BEFORE HE RECOVERS CONSCIOUSNESS AND REVEALS MY IDENTITY TO THE POLICE!

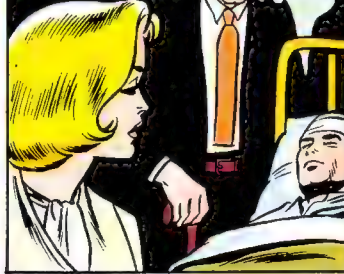
GOOD THING YA HEARD ON THE RADIO WHERE THEY TOOK 'IM!



WHILE, BACK IN THE HOSPITAL ...

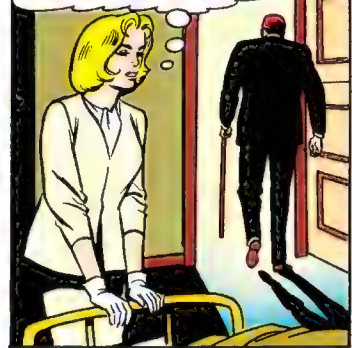
OH, MATT, I ALWAYS TOOK FOGGY SO MUCH FOR GRANTED! BUT NOW...NOW THAT HE'S IN DANGER... I REALIZE HOW MUCH I CARE FOR HIM...!

I KNEW IT! SHE DOES LOVE HIM! NOW I CAN NEVER TELL HER HOW I FEEL... NEVER!



I...I'D BETTER GO NOW, KAREN! BUT, I'LL BE BACK IF YOU NEED ME!

YES, I CARE FOR FOGGY, MATT...BUT... IT'S YOU I LOVE! IF ONLY YOU WEREN'T SO COLD... SO UNEMOTIONAL ...OH, MATT... MATT...



MINUTES LATER...

EVEN NOW, WITH FOGGY IN SUCH DANGER, MATT IS PROBABLY BACK IN THE OFFICE, PORING OVER HIS BRAILLE LAW BOOKS! WHY IS THERE NO WAY TO REACH HIS HEART? HAS HE NO FEELINGS?? DOES HE THINK ONLY OF HIMSELF?

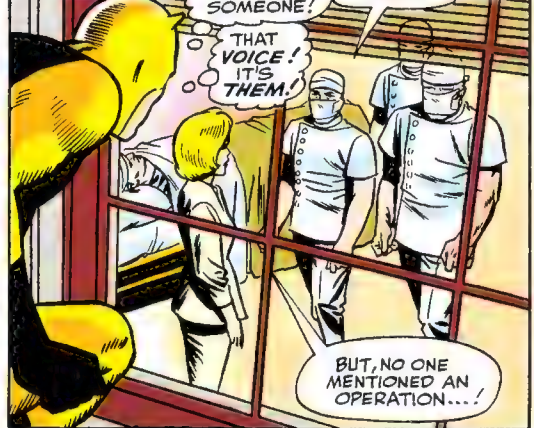


IF THAT STRANGE "FELLOWSHIP OF FEAR" INJURED FOGGY BEFORE, THEY MIGHT TRY TO RETURN, TO FINISH THE JOB! I DON'T DARE LEAVE HIM ALONE!

AND, WHILE KAREN STAYS WITH HIM, SHE MAY BE IN DANGER, TOO! WAIT! I HEAR SOMEONE!

THAT VOICE! IT'S THEM!

WE'VE COME TO TAKE THE PATIENT TO THE OPERATING ROOM!



BUT, NO ONE MENTIONED AN OPERATION...!

CRASH!

KAREN, RUN! YOU'RE IN DANGER!



DAREDEVIL!

HOW DID HE KNOW WHO WE WERE?

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE, YOU FOOL?? GET HIM, BEFORE HE RECOVERS HIS BALANCE!



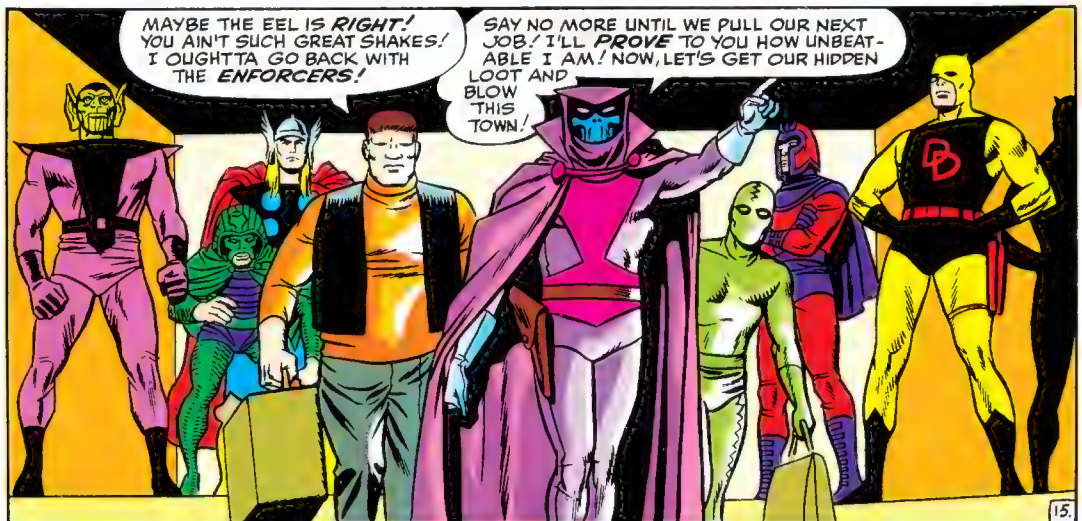
BUT DAREDEVIL'S SUPER-HEARING, COUPLED WITH HIS INCREDIBLE AGILITY, ENABLE HIM TO DODGE THE CLUMSY ATTACK OF THE POWERFUL OX!

YOU TELEGRAPHED THAT BLOW BY A MILE, BIG MAN!

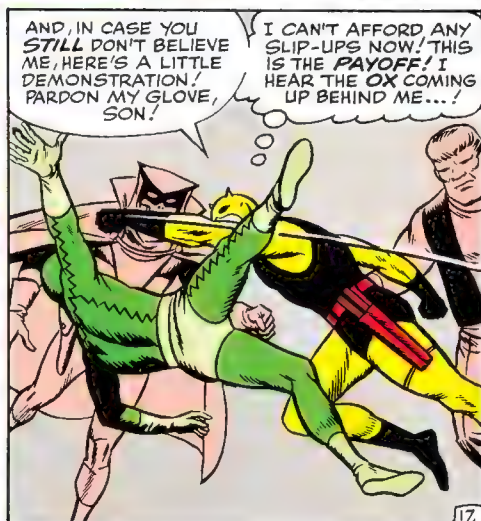
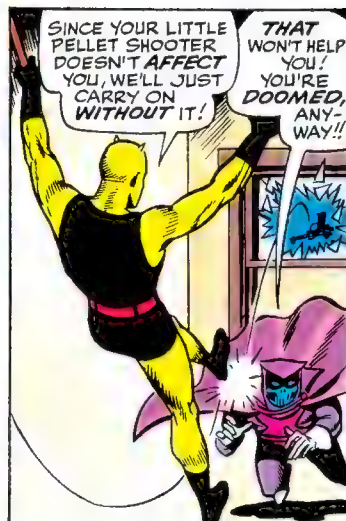


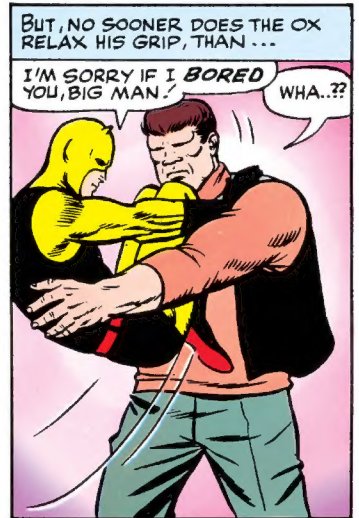
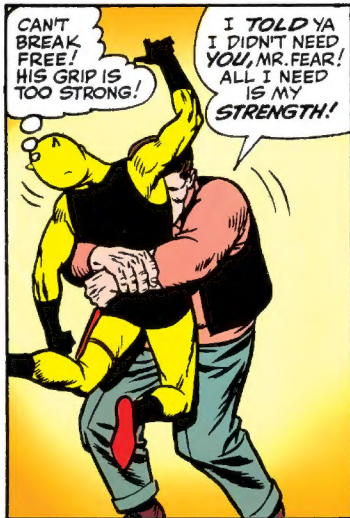
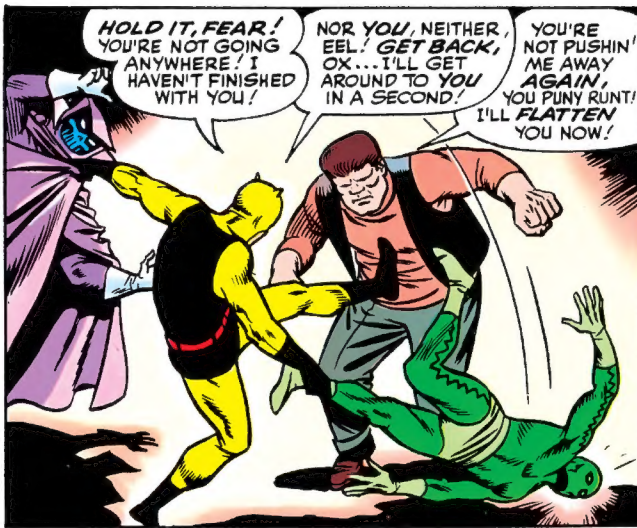
EEL... HELP THE OX! WE'LL SURROUND DAREDEVIL!

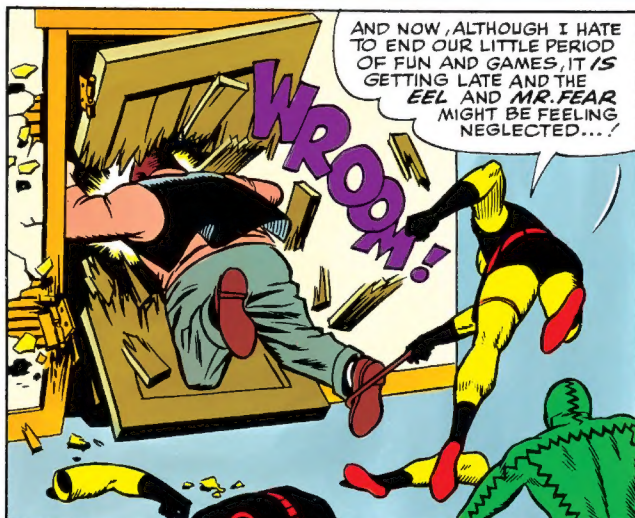














I WAS **RIGHT!** HE WAS BEATEN! BUT IT TOOK HIM TILL NOW TO **REALIZE IT!**

TIMM-BER!

UNNNHHH...



SCANT SECONDS LATER...

OPERATOR, GET ME POLICE HEAD-QUARTERS. NO, IT ISN'T AN EMERGENCY! YOU CAN TAKE YOUR TIME! I'VE A LITTLE "PACKAGE" FOR THEM TO PICK UP...AND IT ISN'T GOING ANYWHERE!



FINALLY... SO MUCH FOR THE DEFEATED FELLOWSHIP OF FEAR! NOW TO RETURN TO THE HOSPITAL AND SEE HOW **FOGGY** IS!



HE'S CONSCIOUS! HIS PULSE AND RESPIRATION ARE ALMOST NORMAL! GOOD OLD **FOGGY**... HE'S GOING TO BE OKAY!

MATT! I'M SO GLAD YOU CAME! THE DOCTOR SAID **FOGGY** WILL BE ALL RIGHT!

SURE! THEY CAN'T KEEP A GOOD MAN DOWN!

I WOULD HAVE COME SOONER... BUT I WAS BUSY...



I DON'T UNDER- STAND YOU, **MATT!** WEREN'T YOU EVEN **CONCERNED** ABOUT YOUR FRIEND AND PARTNER??

DON'T SAY IT, **KAREN!** IT'S OKAY! THAT'S WHAT MAKES **MATT** THE GREAT **LAWYER** HE IS! HE'S COLD AND UNEMOTIONAL! HE HASN'T ANY ROOM FOR SENTIMENT!

AFTER ALL, THERE WASN'T ANYTHING I COULD DO, WAS THERE?



AND, THE NEXT DAY...

THE POLICE NOW BELIEVE THAT **DAREDEVIL** MERELY **PRETENDED** TO BE AFRAID OF MR. FEAR AND HIS COHORTS, IN ORDER TO LATER TRAP THEM! THE STOLEN GOODS HAVE BEEN RECOVERED AND THE CAPTURED TRIO ARE BEING HELD IN A HALF-MILLION DOLLARS BOND...

I NEVER WOULD HAVE BUTTED IN MYSELF IF I'D KNOWN **DAREDEVIL** WOULD BE THERE! GOSH, I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHO HE REALLY IS!

SIGH! SO WOULD I!

I'LL BET HE'S NOT **NEARLY** AS GLAMOROUS AS YOU TWO **IMAGINE** HE IS! AND NOW, SUPPOSE WE ALL GET BACK TO WORK!

AFTER ALL, **ONE** THING WE CAN BE SURE OF IS...HE'S **NOT** ONE OF US.

The End



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